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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/670,705	Applicant(s) MA	
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

Title objected to as unclear.

Abstract lines 3, 13, 14, terms rotating holes' and association with split rings are unclear; the abstract should be rewritten to call for "support holes which may be of rectangular shape" and "cable split rings with holders to be plugged into the support holes with the split rings oriented horizontally or vertically". Also line 6 is unclear and lines 7, 9 "a" should be -- the --. Terms "rotating holes" objected to above implies holes mounted for rotation.

New abstract on separate sheet is required. Spec. could also be modified to provide clarifications in view of above discussion.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1, lines 7, 16-18, references to "rotating holes" and "split ring relationship" are unclear as in the case of objections to abstract, line 6, 10, 15, 19 "electric" should be -- circuit -- as is standard usage. Line ¹⁵ ~~is~~ "by" should be -- for --.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the claim 1, "electric (circuit) board" must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate

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prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

The board is tied in with other items so as to form a basic part of the invention and must be depicted.

^{as best understood}
Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over ~~as best understood~~ ¹ ~~are~~ admitted prior art (APA) in view of Holcomb, Marks, Frank and Wu.

APA fig. 1 seems to be disclosed to be like that recited except for lack of "rotating holes" feature.

Should these matter be at issue, use of a cover with windows further shown by Holcomb at 60 and for claim 2, use of an outer cover taught by Macks at 50, 60. obvious to use these in APA for protection of equipment.

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As to "rotating holes" use of round holes for supporting cable guides taught by Tanaka, Frank, figs. 2, 7, and Wu. It would have been obvious to use such type holes for APA cable rings 62 to enable easy mounting and to allow selected orientation of the cable rings.

Claims 3-7 also covered by above rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Neil Abrams at telephone number (571)272-2089.

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